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Schooner Was at This Port.

While some of the Boston newspapers were telling of the anxiety that was felt because sch. John J. Fallon of that port had been out four weeks and had not been heard from, the craft was taking out her big fare of fish at this port, and the last thing in the minds of Capt. Michael Brophy and his men was that there was any need of worrying about them. The craft came in here Sunday. She had been to the eastward, to Western bank on a fresh cod shack trip and brought back a good fare, 100,000 pounds of fresh fish and would have had more had they been able to get enough squid on the ground.

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FISHERMEN ON QUERO BANK FINDING FISH PLENTY.

Capt. Wharton of Sch. Arkona Brings Interesting Report From Fleet.

Saw Many of the Vessels on His Recent Trip.

Capt. Newman Wharton of the dory handliner Arkona, which arrived from Quero bank yesterday, makes an interesting report of the doings of the fleet which were fishing in the vicinity of his craft.

Capt. Wharton says that he fished on the eastern part of Quero, on the rocky bottom and that in the vicinity were schs. Tattler, Aloha, J. J. Flaherty, Annie M. Parker, Olga, Ellen M. Goodwin. Other crafts there were berthed to the eastward a little too far to tell who they were, but one was thought to be sch. Athlete. The crafts were not shifting berths but hanging right on where they were, which showed that they were getting good fishing and finding squid. Just before he left there schs. Avalon, one of the deck handliners, and sch. Flora S. Nickerson, one of the dory handline fleet, came there.

The vessels fishing in company with sch. Arkona had all done well and were in for fine fares if the squid held on. Sch. Tattler had 500 tubs and schs. J. J. Flaherty and Annie M. Parker 400 tubs each. Sch. Ella M. Goodwin had a good 250,000 pounds salted away in the hold and sch. Olga, which had not been there long, had 100,000 pounds. Sch. Aloha, only a short time there, had 100 tubs and was looking ahead for good fishing there. Sch. Maxine Elliott was also there and was well fished, having 500 tubs.

Found Spot of Good Fishing on the Way Home.

After Capt. Wharton started for home, he had got 43 miles to the westward and it came good weather and he decided to make a try to use up what little bit of salt he had left. The dories went out and even better fishing was found there than on the fine

spot he had recently left, for in a forenoon they had taken 36 tubs of fish, which finished up their salt, so there was nothing to do but come home.

On this last spot Capt. Wharton reports that sch. Norma just struck there and took 35 tubs the first day. In sight from where he put his dories out, he could see two other salt fishermen, one a Ripper and the other he could not make out her line of business.

Capt. Wharton reports that sch. Mina Swim had taken 120,000 or 125,000 pounds and put into Woods Harbor a few days ago on the way home and that sch. Alice R. Lawson should be coming along, as when he heard from her last she was well fished. The Lunenburg fleet he said had been doing finely and one craft in particular had struck big fishing on Bohlin's spot.

Sch. Aloha Broke Pot Bail on Foremast Head.

No disasters were reported among the fleet and no lives were reported lost. Sch. Aloha, just as she was coming on the ground, with a stiff breeze, broke the pot bail on the mainmast

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head and in a twinkling the foremast was looking over the bow and the mainmast canted over the stern. Some crafts would have carried the spars right out of them in such a mishap, but it was not to be for sch. Aloha. Capt. McInnis was quickly to work and soon the stay was brought back into place and tightened up, despite the broken bail, and both spars and a repair trip to port thus saved, and the schooner and Capt. McInnis came along and joined the fleet as though nothing had ever happened, and soon the man who has a resource for every emergency was visiting the other vessels in his dory inquiring how they were finding the fishing, getting the news of the fleet and telling them all the news from home.

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NO REPORTS OF MACKEREL.

Gasoline Boats Looking For Small Pods in Ipswich Bay.

There is nothing encouraging in the mackerel line today. Three or four of the seiners came in yesterday. One will give up and haul up, another will stick to it on the shore for awhile longer and one will fit for North Bay.

Sch. Oriole brought in 67 barrels of small salt mackerel, which she had on board when she landed her recent fresh fare at Provincetown. The fish went to William H. Jordan & Co.

Sch. Georgia, which came in from seining yesterday is taking off her sails and will haul up for the season.

The boats off Rockport are reported as taking a few large fish off there daily.

Several of the little gasoline fishing boats are out in Ipswich bay this morning with their small seines. They are leaving bait and trying to get the fish to come up, so they can set around and make a haul.

The Yarmouth, N. S., steamer brought 44 barrels of large fresh mackerel to the Boston market yesterday.

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Labrador Fishery Prospects Poor.

The fishery news from the Labrador is about as bad as it can be, says the Harbor Grace, N. F., Standard. Messrs. McRae & Sons received a wireless Thursday to the effect that there was no improvement whatever in the catch. As respects the greater part of the Labrador Coast then, the catch up to date may be regarded as nothing. The season is now so late that there is not much ground for hope that even a medium voyage will reward the labors of our fishermen. The time for trap work is practically over on the part of the shore where the "stationers" are. If the fish comes in, the hook-and-line men might do something towards making up a medium voyage; but owing it is thought to the over-cool or over fresh condition of the water caused by long presence of the ice this season, the fish do not appear willing to strike in. The fishermen, with rare exceptions, have abandoned of late years the use of the big boats in which they used before the days of the cod-traps to go to the outer grounds in quest of fish, and so unless the fish strike in, they can do little with the hook and line.

There is time yet for the hundreds of "floating craft" to do somethings on the northern part of the Labrador. What proportion of our fishing craft trying their luck at the fish stations have joined those that early proceeded north, we do not know.

We can only hope the success beyond expectation will attend their exertions and that of the hook-and-liners at the stations; but do as well as they may, the outlook is poor. From all we can learn from those that have had long experience of the Labrador, the prospects of a fair fishery have not been so gloomy for years.

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CAUGHT A BIG FISH.

W. A. Winn of Arlington, a guest at the Avon House, Hampton Beach, has gained the record here this season; on Thursday capturing a mammoth blue hake which tipped the scales at 25 pounds, and one of the best specimens obtained during the summer.

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STOCKED \$1700 IN ONE WEEK.

Remarkable Work of Two of the Fresh Fish Fleet.

Schs. Mary E. Cooney and Maud F. Silva stocked about \$1700 each as a result of their recent one week's fresh fishing trip to Georges. The crew's share has not yet been figured.

Capt. Cooney had 96,000 pounds of fish and Capt. Silva had 105,000 pounds, which are certainly remarkable fares for vessels of this size, especially when it is remembered that the catch of both craft was taken in three days, and that on the last day everything but large cod was thrown away off the hooks.

Only last week both these crafts made trips which brought almost as much money, and for summer time, when things in the fresh fish line are generally supposed to be somewhat dull, these boats, as well as others, such as schs. Mary DeCosta, Clara G. Silva, Elizabeth W. Nunan, Belbina P. Domingoes, Edith Silveria and a few others, have been doing extra well. "A trip a week" is their motto and they come pretty handy to living up to it. They certainly attend to business and deserve all they make.

Other Good Stocks and Shares.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, stocked \$443.12 as the result of her recent fine halibut trip, the crew making the splendid share of \$144.06 clear, which is certainly big compensation as the vessel was gone but 26 days on the trip. This is the largest stock and share on a Georges halibut trip this season.

Sch. Kinco, Capt. John G. Stream, stocked \$3900 on her fine halibut trip landed here yesterday, the crew making the big share of \$123.71 clear. The vessel was gone but 26 day so this is making money pretty fast.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer Elthier arrived here yesterday with a fare of over 100 barrels of herring, which were taken in Casco Bay. The master reports the prospects for a good run of herring as very promising.

Most of the vessels which have been engaged in swordfishing are now starting out haddocking, but the schs. Albert D. Willard and Edmund F. Burke will make one more cruise after swordfish before giving up.

The steamer Gannet of the United States fish commission service arrived here Monday from Boothbay and Captain Greenleaf acquired possession of 200 seed lobsters, which will be taken to Boothbay today. On the trip east of Boothbay, prior to the trip to this port, Captain Greenleaf secured 700 seeders.

Usually 10,000 seed lobsters are placed in the hatchery each season, and from this many million of fry are secured during the period. Only 7000 were on hand this season, and there was a feeling that the average number would not be obtained. Another thousand has been added already, and it is thought now that the 10,000 will be obtained without much doubt.

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NEW MANAGER.

George H. Oakes To Take Charge at American Halibut Co.

George H. Oakes, who has been the Boston manager of the American Halibut Co. for many years, will now be manager of the company's plant in this city, with Samuel G. Pool as assistant manager. Mr. Oakes takes charge today.

Gardner W. Pool of this city will be manager of the recently formed Atlantic Halibut Co. of Boston.

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Swordfish From the Provinces.

The usual number of swordfish coming from the provinces recently has led to an investigation of the cause. Those interested have learned that the fishermen in the provinces, finding it more profitable to sell at Boston, have been sending their fish up by steamer.

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Bothered By Man-Eating Sharks.

A number of the skippers of the various fishing craft reaching T wharf yesterday complain of man-eating sharks doing damage to their gear on the southeast part of Georges. Capt. Jere Shea of sch. Regina said that the grounds are infested with the man-eaters and that he lost 12 tubs of trawls and a considerable amount of fish on his recent trip.

Lobster Importations.

The following information relating to the lobster season of the Sydney district of Nova Scotia is from Consul John Kehl:

The declared value of the lobster export to the United States during the season of 1908 was as follows: From Sydney, canned lobsters, \$37,352; Canso, live lobsters, \$6,710; Port Hawkesbury, live lobsters, \$6,663; canned lobsters, \$55,937; Pictou, canned lobsters, \$176,254. The export during the present season will be considerably less and is attributed to the large supply of last year's stock in the hands of the jobbers. Up to July 19 the export from Sydney amounted to only \$12,673; from Port Hawkesbury about \$33,000. The lobster season for the island of Cape Breton opens May 1 and closes July 31. The size at present set down for lobsters is "not less than 8 inches." I understand that a change to 7 inches is contemplated in the near future, that size being generally accepted as more adaptable. It is unlawful "to catch, kill, buy or sell any berried lobster or lobsters or any soft shell lobster or lobsters." The prices paid this year for live lobsters varied from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.; last year the prices ranged from \$3.25 to \$4.25. At Gabarouse and at Gull Cove the lobster fishermen are doing their own packing on the co-operative plan rather than accept \$2.25 alive.

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FISH COMING FOR SPLITTERS.

Several Fares Here From Boston Today.

Quite a bunch of vessels have arrived here since last report although no big fares have put in an appearance. Several of the market fishermen came down from Boston with fish to split and three or four seiners also came in. A few of the swordfishermen, with small catches also shot in.

Yesterday schs. Oriole, Georgia, Constellation, Patrician and steamer Bessie M. Dugan, all of the seining fleet came in, but the former was the only one with any fish.

Schs. Mary Costa, Belbina P. Domingoes and Elizabeth W. Nunan brought down fares of from 40,000 to 90,000 pounds of fresh fish to split.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball came in this morning from Southwest Harbor, Me., with a load of cured fish consigned to Fred Bradley and the steamer Bryda F. had a big load of bluebacks.

Of the swordfishing fleet schs. Valentina, Fitz A. Oakes, Lafayette and Julietta made in during the night, with anywhere from two to nine fish each, the former with the latter amount, will probably go to Boston while the rest will sell here.

Sch. Niagara of the halibut fleet had a small catch of these high priced fish, but brought a good bunch of salt cod and some fresh cod on the side.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Niagara, Quero Bank, 4000 lbs. halibut, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Constellation, Rips, 2 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Oriole, Rips, seining 67 bbls. small salt mackerel.

Sch. Georgia, Rips, seining.

Sch. Patrician, Rips, seining.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bryda F., shore seining, 140 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Southwest Harbor, cured fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Sch. Valentina, 9 swordfish.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, swordfishing.

Sch. Judique, seining.

Sch. Julietta, 3 swordfish.

Sch. Lafayette, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Alcina, via Boston.

FISH PLENTY AT BOSTON.

Prices Low and Splitters Will Get Many Fares.

The fish situation at T wharf today is featureless. Prices are low and fish continue in good receipt. Haddock are down to \$1.50 and \$2.25 and considerable cod is going to split.

There are 17 trips in altogether, all groundfish, some of the boats having a scattering swordfish. Sch. Clara G. Silva with 57,000 pounds is the top line boat, the other fares running from a few small boats with 4000 or 5000, up to some of the bigger fellows with from 15,000 to 50,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Metamora, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Georgiana, 2500 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 45,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 7000 pollock, 3 swordfish.

Sch. Reliance, 1400 cod, 7000 pollock, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Matchless, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Alice, 14,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Esther Gray, 400 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 3000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 8000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Seaconnet, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.00; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.25; hake, 75c to \$1.50; pollock, \$2.00; swordfish, 11½c per lb.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Motor and Bohemia were at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday.

Schs. Annie Greenlaw and Lillian were at Canso, N. S., on Sunday.

Sch. Gossip at North Sydney, C. B., on Saturday with 200,000 pounds of salt cod, reports fish plentiful, but weather bad.

Sch. Arabia is fitting for dory handlining under command of Capt. William Williams.

Sch. Arcadia is fitting for dory handlining under command of Capt. Lemuel Firth.

Capt. Martin L. Welch is fitting sch. Lucania for haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67-1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 10c for gray.

Salt bullseyes, \$9 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed \$27.50 per bbl.

Small salt mackerel \$16.25 to \$18.00 per barrel.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.15.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.00 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00, snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting price for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large \$1.20 for medium, and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock 65 cts.; hake 65 cts, pollock 60 cts.

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TOOK MACKEREL IN IPSWICH BAY

Gasoline Boats With Small Seines Did Good Fishing Yesterday.

Small Fish Also Reported Along the Maine Coast.

All the mackerel news comes from right near home today, for yesterday afternoon the gasoline fishing boat fleet struck some pretty good catches in Ipswich bay and from the presence of so many whales there the fishermen are encouraged to think that these hauls may be the forerunner of more in the near future, for they seem to think, that while but few small schools have been seen there is a good body of these small mackerel in the bay.

If this is so it means much to the small boat fishing fleet. The Ipswich bay is an ideal spot to fish in and most of the crafts are provided with small seines, just right for fishing over there. Of course yesterday's catch may have been just a spurt and no more hauls may be made, but the fishermen are looking at it differently.

Their courage is good and it is hoped it will be rewarded. The indications at present are that there is a good body of these small mackerel all along the Massachusetts and Maine coast, for they have been reported down off Chatham and for some time the boats on the Maine coast have been making hauls of small pods of two and three barrels each and yesterday, according to our reliable Portland correspondent, one of these small seining craft arrived there with 5000 pounds, about 8000 fish in count, of these same kind of fish. The captain reported that he got his fare all in one school, near White Island, off Pemaquid Point. He reported that for quite a while he had been making two and three barrel hauls and that there seemed to be quite a lot of these small pods showing. The fish go about three-quarters of a pound each.

Mackerel Taken In Traps In Boston Bay.

There is every indication that the mackerel are also in Boston bay as well as in Ipswich bay, for yesterday the Heath trap, the Tarr trap and the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's trap, all located up the shore, from Kettle Island to West beach, made hauls and sent down 1800 fish to market here. The Nelson trap, right in the harbor here, took 300 mackerel yesterday.

Out in Ipswich bay yesterday, about every craft that got a haul of bluebacks found mackerel mixed in with them. Steamer Pet fared the best, for she got 200 barrels of bluebacks and found 2000 mackerel in with them. Part of each were landed at Rockport and the rest were brought here.

The gasoliner Herbert and Emma struck one school of mackerel clear of bluebacks and seined 1400 in count. Several of the other gasoline fishing craft got from 300 to 700 mackerel in with their blueback hauls and one sloop got 100 mackerel in with an eight barrel haul of butterfish.

The mackerel went about three quarters of a pound each and sold here readily at nine cents each, a fine price considering the small size of the fish.

The pleasure fishermen, now that they are satisfied that the mackerel have not left the bay will once more get out their jigs and buckets of toll bait and resume operations. Many indeed started out this morning, but found the wind too heavy for comfort outside in an open dory or gasoline launch. Tomorrow, if the weather is good, however, will see a big sporting, as well as business fleet out in Ipswich bay and not a few are talking of having a try right in the harbor here.